

AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

January 22, 2012

**Support Senate Bill 53 (De Leon)**

Preventing gun violence requires reasonable regulations governing the sale, purchase, transfer and possession of ammunition. The nexus of ammunition to the functionality of a gun is such that the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence has cited ammunition as the “actual agent of harm” in the debate surrounding gun violence. In response to a series of mass shootings, culminating most recently with the tragedy in Newtown, Senate Bill 53 (De Leon) would restrict access to ammunition by requiring the purchaser of ammunition to possess an ammunition purchase permit. This bill expands existing law and would require the California Attorney General to maintain records of ammunition purchase permits in order to assist in the investigation of crimes. Further, this bill would expand the regulations governing the sale, purchase or transfer of handgun ammunition by mandating that all transactions involving ammunition are accomplished through a face-to-face transaction. Currently, federal law does not proscribe online sales of ammunition.

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The provisions in this bill promote public safety by placing additional regulations on the ability to purchase all types of ammunition, particularly armor-piercing handgun ammunition and 50-caliber rounds which pose a danger to law enforcement personnel. Accordingly, stricter controls on the sale, purchase, transfer and possession of ammunition are important to reduce gun violence. This bill is under consideration by the California State Senate and therefore action on the bill by the Board of Supervisors is timely and appropriate.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Instruct the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to take all appropriate actions to support the passage of Senate Bill 53 (De Leon).

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